

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Meadow Lakes Community Council, Inc****Federal Tax ID: 92-0102654****Project Title:****Project Type: New Construction and Land Acquisition**

Meadow Lakes Community Council, Inc. - Community Campus Sports Fields

State Funding Requested: \$195,000
One-Time Need**House District: Mat-Su Areawide (13-16)****Brief Project Description:**

Funding to design and construct sports fields on the Meadow Lakes Community Campus.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$195,000***There is no other funding needed***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Funding is requested for phase II of the Meadow Lakes Community Campus development to design and construct sports fields on the lower bench of the 40-acre parcel located at the end of North Kim Drive.

In 2005, the Community Council purchased a 40-acre parcel from the Mat-Su Borough to serve the residents of Meadow Lakes. The Council was awarded \$47,000 from the State in 2006 and used that appropriation to survey the property, design the master plan, and to clear and grub the Community Center site. The master plan was based on the needs and desires of the community and includes a Multi-Use Community Center, sports fields, trails, and senior housing.

In 2008, Meadow Lakes Community Council was awarded \$2.2 million from Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) to construct an 8-unit senior housing project on the Campus. That project opened in April 2009 and is full. The MLCC extended the natural gas line to the property, giving residents on both Kim and Karen Drives access to natural gas, and the main road to the project, Kim Drive, was widened and paved up to the property.

In 2008, MLCC also received another State appropriation in the amount of \$44,000 to design an alternate access road to the Parks Highway. They not only designed this road, but also constructed a portion of it to the sports fields location, and cleared and grubbed 160,000 square feet of it that will be used for the sports fields.

In the past two years, MLCC has made great progress with the development of the Community Campus. They have the basic access infrastructure in place, a master plan, utilities, and a senior housing complex with residents who will participate in caretaking the facility. They also have a large meeting area and office space for the Community Council located in the senior housing's common area. And, finally, they also have a road to the lower bench of the property and have cleared and grubbed the sports fields.

Now MLCC needs to begin the next phase in the Meadow Lakes Community Campus master plan and complete

construction of the recreational facilities, so that residents and others can start actively using the area and can see how the property is being developed. MLCC proposes to use these funds to complete construction of the actual sports fields. This will include grading and sloping the fields, planting grass, putting in a well to provide water at the fields, adding a parking lot and picnic sites for the recreational area, and purchasing basic equipment for the sports fields, like fencing, nets, etc.

The Community Center development is on the Mat Su Borough CIP list, and is listed as the top priority on the Service and Facility needs list in the Meadow Lakes Comprehensive Plan. The MSB Borough Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan indicates there is a shortage of sports fields in the Borough. MLCC has completed a Phase I Environmental Study of the site and soils testing by a professional engineer. MLCC has and will be leveraging this funding with funds from the Community Council. There will also be many hours of voluntary labor.

Project Timeline:

FY2011

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Meadow Lakes Community Council, Inc.

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No



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January 18, 2010

Mr. Tim Swezey, Board President
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Dear Mr. Swezey:

Thank you for your letter apprising me of the progress being made with the development of the outdoor community complex and community center in the Meadow Lakes Community Council area. With the ever increasing population of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, it is important to plan for the current and future needs of the citizens of the Borough, and your community council has been very active in this planning.

It appears you have already completed several of the outdoor projects from the master plan for the 40 acre parcel you purchased for this project, which is to be commended. The senior housing project, the connection of natural gas to the site, the building of a road, and clearing of the sports field areas are a great beginning.

I support your continuing efforts with this project and also your efforts to obtain funding to develop the community center and complete the sports fields. The growth in your area could certainly support the need for both of these facilities and would be welcomed by the residents who now must go elsewhere to obtain the use of such facilities.

The Borough has supported your efforts with this project from the beginning, with the sale of the land upon which the facilities could become a reality. I look forward to seeing the progress you will achieve toward obtaining your goals with this project and wish you luck with your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

John Duffy
Borough Manager

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Capital Improvement Program, FY 2011 - FY 2016 Public Comment Period

During a review period extending from July 15 – October 1, 2009, the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for FY 2010 - FY 2015 that was adopted last year was sent to borough departments, advisory boards, commissions, service areas, community councils, and interested individuals for review and comment. The organizations were asked for project nominations for the FY 2011 - FY 2016 CIP. After nominations were received, a revised draft of the FY 2011 - FY 2016 CIP (containing project nominations) was prepared for the Transportation Advisory Board, the Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Board, the Planning Commission and Assembly for their review and approval. Listed below are the projects requested by organizations that responded.

Chickaloon Native Village

- New Wolverine Creek access road to access the east side of Wolverine Lake

Knik-Fairview Community Council

- Turn Lane and Light for Fern on Knik-Goose Bay Road
- Hazel Avenue continuing phases
- Pave Grand Bay, Surry and Canter
- South Mack Road Extension
- Sylvan to Hollywood Extension
- Fairview Loop/Knik-Goose Bay Road Intersection realignment
- Connect Togiak to Thomas
- Burma Road upgrade
- South Big Lake Road realignment and extension
- Crosswalk painting at Snowshoe Elementary School
- Fairview Loop bus stop lighting
- Speed limit signs on Fairview Loop Road
- Moose crossing signs in migration path where moose cross Knik-Goose Bay Road
- Vi Reddington Fish Creek Iditarod Trail Crossing Bridge at Mile 3 (Rail Car Platform Bridging)
- Fairview Loop Road Pedestrian/Bike Path/Snowshoe School (Mile 4.8)
- Hollywood/Vine Pedestrian/Bike Path
- Connect Lucille Lake Trail (Wasilla to Big Lake) to Knik-Goose Bay Road Multi-Use Trail
- Upgrade and/or maintenance on access road and trail to Scout Ridge Lookout and Cottonwood Creek access off Hayfield Road
- Knik Museum and Knik Lakeside Park Improvements
- Big Lake to Wasilla Trail
- Big Lake to Knik
- Knik to Wasilla
- Natural Science Education and Community Center at Cottonwood access to Palmer Hay Flats
- Knik Historical Site
- Wasilla/Fairview Area Water and Sewer Plan

Lazy Mountain Community Council

- Wolverine Creek Dry Hydrant
- Backpack Fire Pumps (*referred to Greater Palmer Fire Service Area*)

Meadow Lakes Community Council

- East Access Road to Meadow Lakes Community Center Property
- Beverly Lake Road Connector – Church Road to Pittman Road
- Vine Road Upgrade from Parks Highway to Meadow Lakes Community Boundary
- Extend Sylvan Road to connect with Hollywood Road
- Connect Full Curl Road to Sylvan Road
- Increase the number of MASCOT stops
- MASCOT stop at Meadow Lakes Senior Housing
- Meadow Lakes Community Intermodal Parking Facility
- Right Turn Lane on Pittman at Parks Highway
- Turn Lanes on Pittman at Midnight Sun School
- Lighting for Turn Lanes on Pittman at Midnight Sun School

- Install a light at the entrance to the Senior Complex located at the end of Kim Drive
- Continued lighting of Meadow Lakes Community bus stops
- Trail bridge across the Little Susitna River from state land to Bench Lake Trail
- Multi use trail along the entire length of Pittman Road
- Multi use trail along the entire length of Church Road
- Multi use trail along the entire length of Meadow Lakes Loop and Meadow Lakes Road from the intersection of the Parks Highway to the intersection of Pittman Road
- Multi use trail connecting the Lucille Creek trailhead at the Wasilla Sports Complex to the western boundary of Johnson Road and eventually to the Big Lake Trail system
- Lucille Creek Trail Connector between Lucille Creek and the Pittman/Parks intersection
- Schrock Road multi use trail from the intersection of Church Road to Olson Bridge on the Little Susitna River
- Trail head study for providing access to Baldy Mountain
- Beverly Lake Road multi use trail from Church Road to Pittman Road
- Groomed trails for cross country running, skiing and equestrian activities
- Meadow Lakes Softball, Soccer, Tennis, Basketball Fields on Community Center Property
- Equestrian Park
- Non-leash dog park
- Little Susitna Park
- Public Swimming Pool adjacent to Meadow Lakes High School
- Meadow Lakes Community Center
- Meadow Lakes Boundary Signs
- Meadow Lakes Library and Digital Multi Learning Center located within the Community Center
- Meadow Lakes Hydrology Study
- Meadow Lakes Middle School
- Meadow Lakes High School
- Second Meadow Lakes Elementary School

North Lakes Community Council

- Realign King Salmon Drive to be within ROW to provide legal access

South Knik River Community Council

- Scenic Turnout on South Knik River Road
- Knik River Road Improvements (*includes petition signed by 46 members of the community and one business in support of the project*)

Susitna Community Council

- Susitna Valley High School Safety Crossing on Parks Highway
- Caswell RSA #15 Road Upgrades

Willow Area Community Organization

- Replace Willow Community Center Fuel Tank
- Replace Willow Community Center Septic System
- Grade Willow Community Center Parking Lot

Meadow Lakes Seniors, Inc.

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January 6, 2010

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Dear Mr. Swezey:

I am writing to express support for the Council's plans to develop the Meadow Lakes Community property into an area that will provide a central area for the community and that benefits the community residents. We are happy that the Council has developed a master plan that includes sports fields, picnic areas, trails, a much needed community center, and senior housing.

We support the completion of the construction of the sports fields and recreation area. This is a great first step to having an area for the community where many activities can happen. We like the inclusion of the picnic areas, trails, and activity fields. These features will open this area so the community residents will begin to utilize the facilities. We have already experienced this at our Senior Housing Common area as we are now hosting various community meetings and activities. We also feel the Council can manage this facility in a manner where the demand for use of meeting space can generate funds to pay for the operation of the community center.

Developing this community area will open the door for our residents to come together in many ways. We have a wonderful community here and this will be a welcome addition.

We fully support the Sports Fields project and are pleased to get behind this effort and urge our congressional and legislative delegations to support funding for this project as well as other potential funding sources.

Sincerely,

Sherri Rusher

Sherri Rusher, President



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Community Property Pictures 2010

MLCC Senior Housing Common Area



MLCC Aerial Senior Housing Project



MLCC Road from Kim Drive to Sports Fields



MLCC Road to Sports Fields



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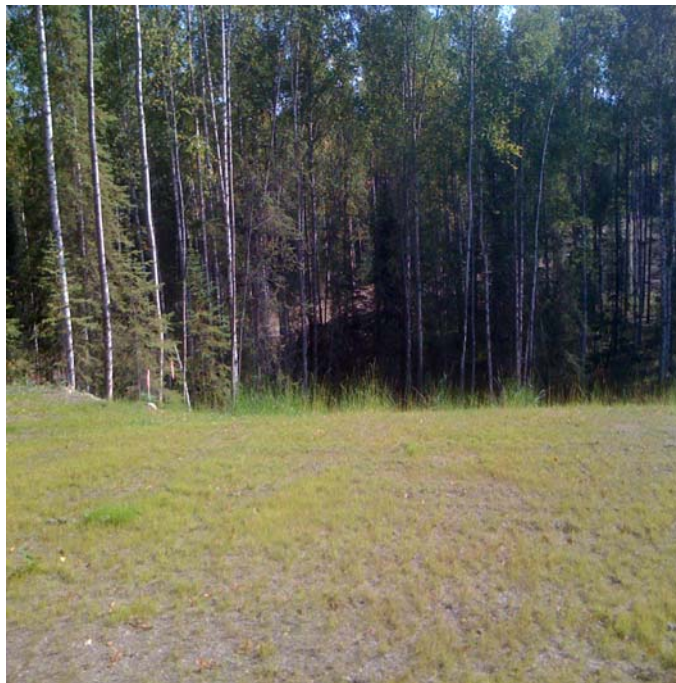
MLCC Road to Sports Fields



MLCC Road to Sports Fields, Fields on Right



MLCC Road Looking From Housing



MLCC Sports Fields looking from Housing



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Community Property Pictures 2010

MLCC Sports Fields



MLCC Sports Fields Looking at Housing



MLCC Sports Fields



MLCC Sports Fields



